

Kuhmareyi language

Kuhmareyi is one of the languages of southwestern Fars. It is a cluster of disparate dialects; the one illustrated here is the **Davani dialect** (Davani: *devani*;^[3] Persian: **دوانی**, transliteration: Davāni) of the village of Davan, 12 kilometers north of Kazerun city in southern Iran. Davani had an estimated 1,000 speakers in 2004.^[4]

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Kuhmareyi	
Southwestern Fars	
Native to	Iran
Native speakers	100,000 (2012) ^[1]
Language family	Indo-European <div>Indo-Iranian<div>Iranian<div>Western Iranian<div>Southwestern<div>Persid<div>Kuhmareyi</div></div></div></div></div></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	fay
Glottolog	sout2645 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sout2645) ^[2]

Phonology

The transcription used here is only an approximation.^[5]

Vowels

short: â, a, e, i, o, u
long: â:, ā, ē, ī, ō, ū

Consonants

- voiced dental fricative: **ð**, generally after vowels, like in, 'bað' (bad).
- voiced velar fricative: **ɣ**, like in "yal'ati" (shroud).
- alveolar trill: like in 'borrâ' (flail).
- palatalization: inclination for 'g' and 'k' before front vowels, like in 'bega' (say).
- voiceless alveolar affricate: **ts**, like in 'tse' (what), and voiced dz, like in andzi (fig).

Grammar

Verbs

Davani is ergative in past transitive constructions. For example (Persian transliterations are in UniPers):

English: Hasan saw Ali in the garden.
Persian: Hasan, Ali-râ tuye bâq did.
Davani: hasan-**eš** ali-**a** tu bâÿ di.

Infinitive markers include *-san*, *-tan*, *-dan*, *-ðan*.

Nouns

The suffix *-aku* makes nouns definite. For example:

bard "stone" → *bard-aku* "the stone"

The plural is marked by the suffix *-gal*. *-u* is exceptionally used for "man". For example:

sēv "apple" → *sēv-gal* "apples"
merd "man" → *merd-u* "men"

Pronouns

Personal Pronouns ^[4]

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	ma	mu
2nd	to	shumu
3rd	u oy	unā ushu

Vocabulary

English	Davani	Persian (Unipers)	English	Davani	Persian (Unipers)
<i>beautiful</i>	ju, jōnek	zibâ, xoščehre	<i>head</i>	tek, kalla, ser	sar, kalle
<i>blood</i>	xin	xun	<i>heart</i>	del	del
<i>bread</i>	nu, nen	nân	<i>horse</i>	asp	asb, astar
<i>bring</i>	avâðan	âvardan	<i>house</i>	xuna	xâne
<i>brother</i>	borâk, borâ	barâdar	<i>language/tongue</i>	zavu	zabân
<i>come</i>	ameðan, aneðan	âmadan	<i>laugh</i>	xanda kētan	xandidan
<i>cry</i>	geriðan	geristan	<i>man</i>	merd	mard
<i>dark</i>	târîk	târîk	<i>moon</i>	mā	mâh

daughter	dōt, dōđar	doxtar	mother	deyi, dey	mâdar, māmân
day	ru, rez	ruz	mouth	kap, kač	dahân
do	kētan	kardan	name	num	nâm
door	dar	dar	night	šô	šab
die	mordan	mordan	open	vâkētan	bâz kardan
donkey	xar	xar	peace	sōl	âshti, ârâmeš, ârâmi
egg	xoy	toxme morq	place	jo	jâ
earth	zimi	zamin	read	xondan	xândan
eye	čiš	čašm	say	gâ:tan	goftan, gap zadan
father	bu, bâva, bova	pedar	scratch	kerniđan	xârândan
fear	ters	tars	sister	xāk, xā	xâhar
fiancé	numzâđ	nâmzad	small	xujak, kem, xordek, rēz, vahila	kucak, kam, xord, riz
fine	xoš	xoš	son	pos, keraku	pesar, pur, bacce
finger	pinja, piling	angošt	tall	boland	boland, bârez, derâz
fire	tiš	âtaš, âzar	three	so	se
fish	meysi	mâhi	water	ô	âb, ow
food / eat	xorâk/ xâtan	qazâ, xorâk / xordan	weave	vâtseriđan	bâftan
go	šeđan	raftan	when	ki	key
god	xođâ	xodâ	wind	bâđ	bâd
good	xūv	xub	woman	zan	zan
great	got, yoč	bozorg, gonde, gat	yesterday	dig	diruz
hand	das	dast			

Example sentences

<u>English</u>	<u>Davani</u>	<u>Persian</u>	<u>Unipers</u>
What is this?	i t̪si-yen?	این چیست؟	In cist?
Where is Ali?	ali an kâ?	علی کجاست؟	Ali kojâst?
This horse is white.	i asp-e espe-hâ.	این اسب سفید است	In asb sefid ast.
Go (and) chain Rostam's hand (and) bring him here, so that I give you the crown and the kingdom.	beđa dass-e rostam huven-eš bâ injo ke-t ma tâj šâi hâđe.	برو دست رستم را. ببند، اینجا بیاور تا من تاج شاهی را به تو بدهم	Boro daste Rostam râ beband, injâ beyâvar, tâ man tâje šâhi râ be to bedaham.
They say he works 10 hours a day.	mege-yen rez-i dâ sât kâr mēku.	میگویند روزی ده. ساعت کار میکند	Miguyand ruzi dah sâat kâr mikonad.
I have two small brothers and sisters.	dikko-m borô xey-e xord-ek he.	دو برادر و خواهر. کوچک دارم	Do barâdar va xâhare kucak dâram.
If you will go just once to their village, you won't forget the hospitality of its people.	agar hami akeš-a šesse-bi-ya velât-ešu hargese-tu meymu dâri-šu az yâđ nemēšu.	اگر تنها یکبار به ده. آنها رفته باشی، مهمان نوازی مردم آنجا را هرگز از یاد نخواهی برد	Agar tanhâ yekbâr be dehe ânhâ rafte bâši, mehmânnavâziye mardome ânjâ râ hargez az yâd naxâhid bord.
Who called me?	ke-š čer-om ze?	چه کسی مرا صدا زد؟	Cekasi marâ sedâ zad?

See also

- Lari dialect
- Dialects of Fars
- Persian dialects and varieties
- Southwestern Iranian languages
- Iranian languages

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